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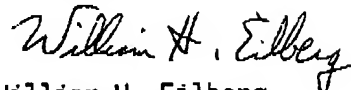
Re: U.S. Patent Application  
Continuation of Serial No. 09/443,793  
Serial No. 10/082,501; filed February 25, 2002  
FLANGE PLATES FOR FLUID PORT INTERFACES

Dear Mr. Bochna:

I am transmitting a set of amended claims which I wish to discuss during our scheduled telephone interview today.

Please do not enter these claims into the application at this time; they are for purposes of discussion only.

Sincerely,



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